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SUBJECT: STATUS OF USE OF IBADAN-LAGOS EXPRESSWAY

REF: IBADAN 91 AND 77 IBADAN 986 (BOTH NOTAL)

1. ALTHOUGH THE IBADAN-LAGOS EXPRESSWAY IS NOT YET COMPLETED, IT IS BEING USED TO AN INCREASING EXTENT BY BOTH OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE VEHICLES. AND, JUST LAST WEEK, THE OUTER-RING ROAD GIVING ACCESS TO THE OYO AND IFE ROADS WERE OPENED TO GENERAL TRAFFIC, GREATLY EASING THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN IBADAN PROPER. IN THE PAST MONTH IBADAN TRAFFIC HAD BECOME BADLY CHOKED DUE TO CLOSURE OF SEVERAL MAIN ARTERIES IN THE CENTER OF TOWN FOR WATER-DRAIN CONSTRUCTION AND TO THE CUTTING OFF OF THE IJEBU-ODE-BENIN CITY ROAD DUE TO THE OSHUN RIVER BRIDGE COLLAPSE. ALL TRAFFIC FROM AND TO LAGOS TO THE EAST AND NORTH IS NOW REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH IBADAN.

2. OUR OFFICIAL VEHICLES HAVE HAD NO PROBLEM IN USING THE IBADAN-LAGOS EXPRESSWAY. OFFICIAL VEHICLES ARE GENERALLY WAVED THROUGH ALL BARRIERS. ON THE RARE OCCASIONS WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN STOPPED, IT IS ONLY TEMPORARY UNTIL THE GUARDS REALIZE IT IS A CD OR CC VEHICLE.

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3. EXIT AND ENTRY TO THE EXPRESSWAY CAN BE A BIT TRICKY. AT THE LAGOS END, THE CLOVERLEAF ENTRY AT IKORODU CAN BE QUITE CLOGGED WITH VEHICLES GOING WEST, AND SOME INGENUITY IS REQUIRED TO FIND A WAY ON. THERE ARE 3 MAIN EXITS IN IBADAN, THE FIRST BEING UNMARKED BUT JUST BEYOND THE SIGN ANNOUNCING THE END OF THE EXPRESSWAY. THIS GIVES OUT TO THE SOUTH OF IBADAN, THE INNER RING-ROAD TO THE ABEOKUTA-IBADAN

ROAD. THE NEXT EXIT IS THE ROAD TO IFE AND THE EAST, AND
THE LAST EXIT IS TO THE NORTH OF TOWN, A MILE BEFORE IITA,
ON THE OYO ROAD TO THE NORTH.

4. LAGOS, PLEASE CIRCULATE TO ALL SECTIONS.
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